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## CITIZENS MUST DEFEND OUR SHORES

### MILITIA IS NEEDED TO REPEL INVADERS

National Guard and Volunteers  
Must Join with Regular  
Troops

ARMY OFFICERS DECRY  
ATTEMPT ON ARMORY

Major Conklin, General Staff,  
Says Citizen Soldier Is  
Essential to Plans

That the National Guard is counted on to play a very important part in the defense of Oahu, in the event of invasion, and that the regular troops to be sent here under the plan of the general staff will need the assistance of the citizen soldiery, is an emphatic statement of army "higher-ups" in this department. Not only must the present infantry regiment be brought to a high state of efficiency, but additional militia troops must be organized, and provision made for regiments of volunteers to answer to a sudden call to duty with the colors.

Hawaii's urgent need for defenders of its own was forcibly brought out this morning by Major A. S. Conklin, the general staff officer who reported for duty here a month ago. Major Conklin is probably as well posted as any man in the army on the plans of the general staff for the fortification and defense of Oahu, and this morning he came out flat-footed against any attempt to divert the territorial funds appropriated for the construction of the new national guard armory to other purposes, with the consequent return of the armory site to the federal government.

"There seems to be an impression in some quarters that the regular army is indifferent to the militia of Hawaii, and that the regular troops eventually to be sent here will be sufficient to defend Oahu," said Major Conklin. "Just the reverse is the case. Oahu needs at the very least a mobile force consisting of a full division of infantry, with auxiliary cavalry and field artillery. Now these troops can not be spared from an army the size of ours, and the plan of the general staff, which I understand has been published here, provides for only six regiments of infantry, and one each of cavalry and field artillery, besides coast defense troops. We should have at least three regiments of militia to make the division organization, but whether or not this is practicable is another matter."

"Honolulu is attempting to recruit a full regiment, while cities in the States of about the same population maintain a company, or at most a battalion. Therefore, it looks as though the organization of a full brigade was out of the question just now."

"There should, however, be a full regiment of national guard on Oahu, and a battalion on Maui, Hawaii and Kauai. This would make two regiments of infantry, and they should be kept up to the highest state of efficiency. There is real need for troops on the other islands, because in the case of war between the United States and an Oriental nation, the Territory on account of its greatly mixed population, would be filled with the enemy's countrymen and sympathizers. To avoid an internal uprising it would be necessary to get these unfriendly inhabitants into concentration camps, to prevent them from giving active aid, and possibly it would be thought best to re-concentrate them on Oahu in this event the militia battalions on the other islands could round up the hostile element, and then convey it to Oahu, the troops then joining in the defense of this island."

To Check Invaders.  
"Now in the event of war with a foreign power, a hostile force greatly superior to the mobile army of Oahu would probably be landed. A foreign invader could well afford to sacrifice a division to get possession of this island and the naval base, and the United States troops would have to hold them at bay as long as possible waiting for aid from the navy. How long we could stand off a large force is problematical, but certainly we would need the services of every able-bodied American citizen capable of bearing arms. Sheer weight of numbers can drive back even the most efficient troops."

All this is the strongest sort of argument for strong militia organization.

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### WILDER FEARS A SHORTAGE IN TAXES

Collector Says He Believes the  
Total Assessed Valuation in  
1913 Will Fall Ten Million  
Dollars Below That of the  
Current Year

The incoming board of supervisors is apt to be strapped for coin before the year 1913 is very far along, and according to Tax Collector Wilder would do well if it pared down the necessary expenses of the city and county to the bed rock until it is found out exactly how much is coming in the way of collections.

Mr. Wilder's statement was made in explaining the reasons for the present difficulties between members of the board of Supervisors of the city and county auditor's office and the office of the Territorial Auditor, J. H. Fisher. The misunderstanding has arisen, says the Tax collector, over a misunderstanding of the law, which is vague and poorly worded.

Mr. Wilder, philosopher that he is, has just about reached the verge of his patience and wants to know the "reason why" of all this trouble.

Sighs As He Explains.  
He was polite enough to the representative of this paper who called upon him this morning, and he explained the whole mix up with great care.

"It's merely a matter of the interpretation of the very complicated tax law," he began with a sigh. "In the first place the Territory sends us a list of the different amounts of money it will have to have. On top of that comes the money that the city and county must have. Under the law, as I read it, this is 2-3 of one per cent of the total assessed amount."

"Now last year that amount was \$74,000,000. Consequently the estimates were based upon a tax collected on that sum. Now that tax would not have paid the expenses estimated by the territorial treasurer and the city and county treasurer. Consequently we had to raise the rate to 1.1 per cent. But when the assessments were made we found that there was going to be in the neighborhood of \$80,000,000, a difference of six million dollars. In tax returns, less the delinquencies of course, this means approximately \$66,000, more than the estimates called for."

Double Edged Rule.  
"Here comes in the law interpretation. As I see it, we have paid over to the territory all that it asked for to run this year. The balance ought, in my opinion go to the county. If the tax office collected less than the amount called for in the original estimates the territory would undoubtedly take out the amount it needs before giving anything to the city and county, and as a result the city and county

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### LOGAN OFFICER MUCH WANTED

Richard Gilvin, listed as a member of the hospital steward's department in the United States army transport Logan, was not present at the departure of the army troopship when amid the promiscuous scattering of flowers and tears the gallant liner sailed away for the Philippines.

Gilvin may have had good and sufficient reasons for not figuring conspicuously in the farewell to his once happy floating home.

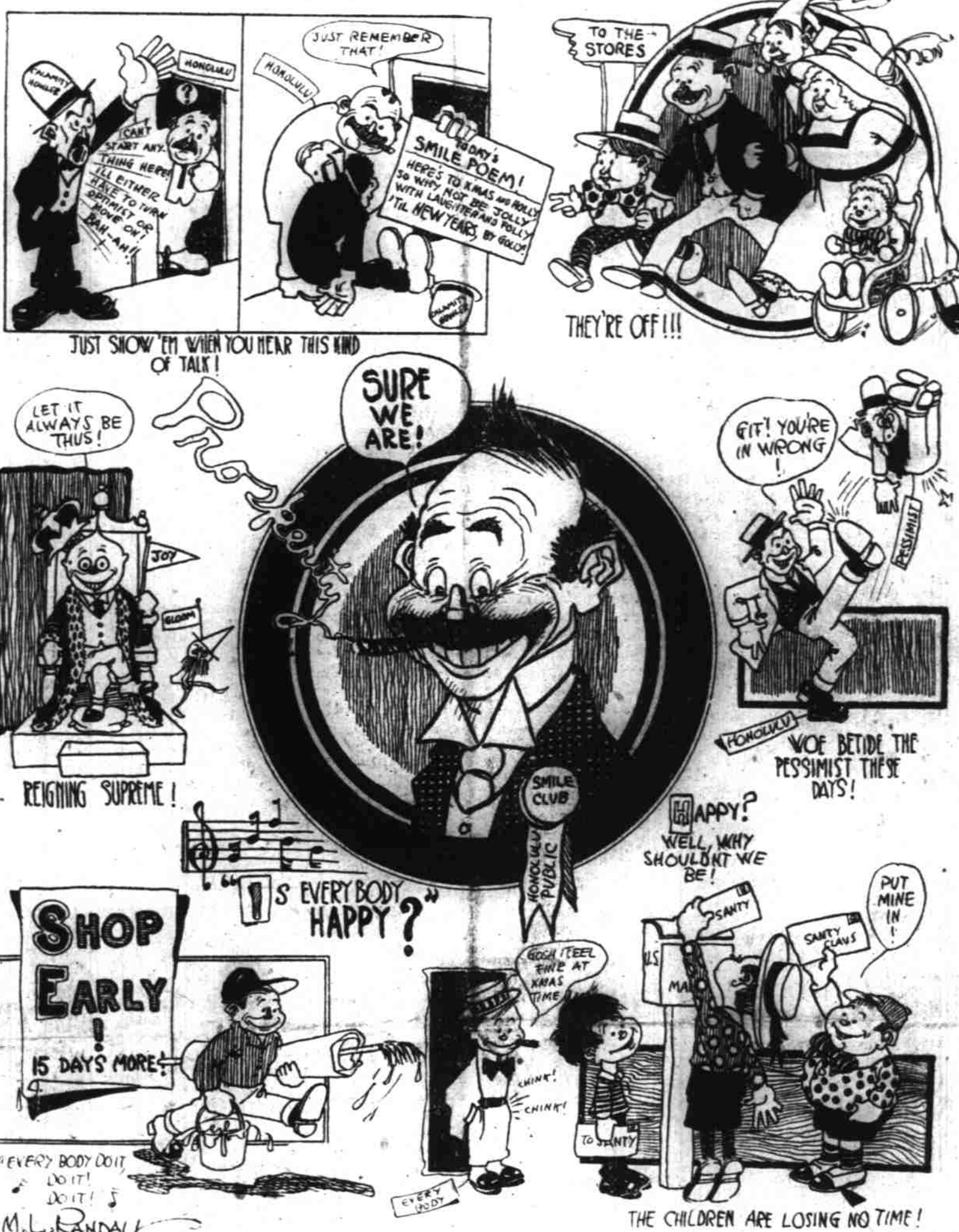
Before taking a quiet departure from the transport, the youth is alleged to have levied a series of "trouces" which resulted in several comrades in arms being relieved of some of their scant savings.

A fairly good description of the much-wanted man was flashed across the seas last night, and Harbor Officer Carter was dispatched to dig up the missing Gilvin.

Carter paid a friendly little visit to a residence on Punchbowl with the result that he happened in on a family gathering in which Gilvin was a star attraction.

The young man now proposes a central police station awaiting a disposition of his case at the hands of the military authorities.

### Christmas Is In The Air!



Christmas is only fifteen days away, counting out Sundays, and this morning the holiday rush of shoppers began. The merchants say they never saw the Christmas trade as brisk as it is this year, with prospects for the next two weeks being banner ones in the point of sales. With fine weather tempting out the Christmas shoppers and with the showwindows and show-cases sparkling and glowing and inviting with goods and novelties of all kinds, the crowds on the streets today grew steadily from early morning until late afternoon. And everybody is putting on the "Christmas smile."

### COKE WILL HAVE MORE THAN TWENTY BILLS TO LAUNCH ON THE FIRST DAY OF 1913 LEGISLATURE

Important Measures To Be  
Fathered by Democratic  
Senator from Oahu

James L. Coke, senator-elect from Oahu and already regarded as leader of the Democratic forces in the next legislature, is hard at work on a program of legislation that includes more than twenty important bills.

Loaded with such measures as a primary election law bill, a public utilities commission plan, an equal suffrage document and a repeal of the present railroad right-of-way bill, Coke will start his program rolling immediately upon the opening of the Territorial legislature next February. With a few hours after the legislature is organized, the Democratic measures will come sailing in and from press prospects, they will be backed by the entire strength that the party can muster each house.

Coke is making hay while the sun shines and also while it doesn't shine. Even before his election last month he was busy with his plans for amendments to present laws and for new laws. Since his election he has put many days into hard "digging" and several of the measures will take most of his time up to the opening of the legislature.

While civic welfare bodies, the governor, Republican Territorial and County committee members and miscellaneous citizens and organizations are thrashing out the subject of a new city charter, Coke is going steadily ahead on a primary election law.

"I am not in favor of radically revising the city charter now and putting into a new charter into effect unless a referendum vote in this city and county is taken on the proposed new charter, and the voters are given a chance to say whether or not they want it," said Senator-elect Coke this morning. "We have tinkered with the charter without, apparently, satisfying everybody, and unless the people are a whole say that we ought to revise it some more, I am not in favor of further tinkering with it at this time."

The primary election law on which the senator-elect is at work is a comprehensive one, and in preparing it he has been studying the direct primary laws of Wisconsin, Berkeley, Colorado, New Jersey and other states.



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Leading Democratic senator-elect, who will introduce important bills at opening of legislature.

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Among the important measures, on which Mr. Coke is now at work, and which will be ready for introduction on the opening day of the legislature, are the following:

Primary election law.

Utilities commission bill.

Revision of schedule of court costs.

Repeal of railroad right-of-way bill.

Revision of schedule of recording fees.

Recall bill.

Equal suffrage bill.

Reorganization of members of the legislature.

Appointment of deputy sheriffs to sheriff.

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### BIG HOMESTEADS PLAN FOR NEW HAWAII TRACT

Surveyors will shortly be put to work laying out the new homestead lots on the Puna tract, near Waimaea, Hawaii, where 2300 or 2400 acres of the most ideal land in the Territory for an Eastern homesteader will be thrown open for settlement about the middle of next year, when the Parker Ranch's lease expires.

Land Commissioner Joshua Tucker, who returned this morning from an inspection of the tract, declares it is one of the best propositions for the white homesteader and the small farmer that has been offered in Hawaii. He held a conference with the Governor this morning and steps will be taken shortly to lay out the lots and arrange for their disposal to homeseekers.

Thought the exact size of the homesteads has not been definitely determined, they probably will contain forty or fifty acres each. Tucker says that this amount of land will be all that one man can handle conveniently, and it is blessed with a wealth of soil, moisture and climate that should produce crops of a large variety in rich abundance.

In general, the conditions, he says, are only slightly different from those encountered in many parts of the Pacific Coast country. To succeed, the agriculturist must needs have some knowledge of the local soil and weather conditions, and it is possible that a farmer from the Middle Western states, where less than thirty inches rainfall per annum is found, would quickly become discouraged. It sometimes rains in the Puna section for thirty to sixty days at a stretch.

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### PLENIPOTENTIARIES HURRY LONDONWARD

British Government Assigns Rooms In  
St. James Palace To The Ambassadors  
Who Will Discuss The Terms Of Peace  
In The Balkans--Greek Warships Reported Entering The Dardanelles--  
Turkish Fleet Ready For Battle--Waters Heavily Mined

[Associated Press Cable]

LONDON, December 7.—With the ambassadors of the various powers involved in the Balkan war hastening to London for the peace conference, the British government announced today that it has set aside a number of rooms in St. James palace for the plenipotentiaries. Among those named as plenipotentiaries are such well known men as Tewfik Pasha, Turkey's ambassador to London, Nazim Pasha, the commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces in the field, Re-Oued Pasha, ambassador of the Sultan to the court of the Kaiser, in Berlin, Dr. Guschoff, minister of commerce of Bulgaria, the Bulgarian prime minister, M. Danoff, the speaker of the Bulgarian chamber of deputies, General Savoff, commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army in the field, and many lesser dignitaries from the other nations, party to the strife.

### Warships Enter Dardanelles

[Associated Press Cable]

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 7.—Reports reaching here today announce that a squadron of six Greek warships have appeared at the mouth of the Dardanelles, steaming toward this city. The Turkish fleet has been hurriedly prepared to meet the enemy. The waters of the straits have been heavily mined, and it is asserted here that the Greek ships can never get past the submarine dangers that await them.

### Cholera Slaying Hundreds

[Associated Press Cable]

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 7.—It has been officially admitted that the cholera has now entered the native quarters and that five hundred lives have been snuffed out by the plague in the last twenty days. It is believed here, however, that the actual number of deaths far outnumbers the official estimates given.

### Bridgie Webber Returns

[Associated Press Cable]

HAVANA, Cuba, December 7.—Bridgie Webber, the gun man, who confessed to the District Attorney and brought about the conviction of the gun men who slew Herman Rosenthal, is preparing to hurry back to New York. Asked for the reason of his change of plans, Webber said that he has been warned that unless he returns to Gotham immediately he will be murdered. He declined to give any intimation of where the warning came from.

### Students Appoint Censor

[Associated Press Cable]

STANFORD, California, December 7.—The student body has decided to appoint official censors who shall have the responsibility of passing upon the news "stories" sent out by the student correspondents to the various city papers. All items must be passed upon by the censor for policy and truth. No news prejudicial to the best interests of the university or of doubtful accuracy, will be allowed to go out.

### Extends Civil Service Rules

[Associated Press Cable]

WASHINGTON, December 7.—President Taft today announced the extension of the civil service rules to cover the cases of more than 20,000 employees of Uncle Sam engaged as skilled navy yard mechanics. Attorney-General Wickersham approves of the measure.

### THAYER TO KEEP LIQUOR DEALERS DEPARTMENT INTACT TO HELP STOP 'DAGO RED'

All doubt as to the personnel of the attorney-general's staff, following the appointment of Wade Warren Thayer to succeed Alex. Lindsay, was here, was practically agreed to by set at rest this morning by the statement of the new appointee that he intended keeping the present staff in its entirety. This means that Arthur G. Smith, first assistant, and Leslie Scott, the second assistant, will continue in the present positions.

"They suit me," said Thayer, "at least for the present. All I ask is a competent department, and I understand they have given satisfaction. I'll be rather new to the office and will have a good many things to learn and naturally could not afford to disrupt the workings of the department."

John Percival Jones, former United States Senator from Nevada, and the prominent in pioneer work in both Nevada and California, has just died at his home in Los Angeles.

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